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RAPIDLY OPENING PRESSURE REGULATING VALVE, FIRE EXTINGUISHING

APPARATUS USING THE SAME, HIGH-PRESSURE GAS CYLINDER APPARATUS

AND APPARATUS FOR RAPIDLY SUPPLYING FLUID

Customer Service Window Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314 May 14, 2008

## LETTER REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF OCTOBER 11, 2005 IDS

Sir:

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO-1449 form on October 11, 2005. In a letter dated May 5, 2008, the PTO alleges that they never received the filing.

To evidence prior receipt by the USPTO, Applicants attach a <u>stamped copy</u> of the postcard submitted with the IDS, indicating <u>receipt</u> by the USPTO on October 11, 2005. Applicants further attach hereto a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 form, the cited references and abstracts thereof.

As the postcard evidences timely receipt of all IDS by the USPTO, the Examiner is respectfully requested to review the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 form and each of the documents submitted and is requested to return an initialed PTO-1449 form indicating this consideration of each of these documents and their English language abstracts, to the Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 11, 2005

PTO 1449 Form filed on October 11, 2005 with references

Copy of postcard



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RAPIDLY OPENING PRESSURE REGULATING VALVE, FIRE EXTINGUISHING APPARATUS USING THE SAME, HIGH PRESSURE GAS CYLINDER APPARATUS Serial No.: Title: AND APPARATUS FOR RAPIDLY SUPPLYING FLUID (as amended) Please acknowledge receipt of: (1) Information Disclosure Statement (5 pages) (2) PTO-1449 Form (1 page) enclosing six (6) references (3) English translation of International Preliminary **Examination Report** USPTO Date Stamp By stamping and returning to Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C. FILED: 10/11/2005 DJD:bof (Tues. after Federal Holiday) 10/08/2005 Attorney: Due: